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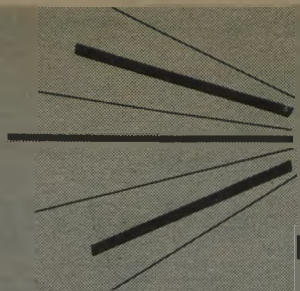


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General Association Of Regular Baptist Churches 48th Annual Conference June 25-29, 1979 Dayton Convention Center Theme: "With The Word To The World"



In a matter of just a few weeks, our National GARBC conference will be under way. The conference this year will be held at the Dayton Convention Center which is located in downtown Dayton, just off Interstate 75. The Center has facilities for handling crowds of several thousand people. In addition there is an auxiliary theater-auditorium that seats 700 people to be used for the Youth Day activities.

It is the privilege of our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches to host this 48th annual GARBC conference. Our OARBC pastors, particularly those of our Xenia Area Pastors Fellowship, under the able leadership of Rev. Larry Fetzner of the Washington Heights Baptist Church, Dayton have been hard at work making all things ready.

An excellent program has been arranged. Dr. Paul Tassell of Des Moines, Iowa will be serving as the Conference Chairman. Shown below are those who will be having part in the conference program.

Full and complete information pertaining to the conference has been sent to all the pastors of our GARBC churches. Check with your pastor concerning the conference program, housing, the Youth and College/Career program, and the like. By all means, plan on attending as many of the sessions as you possibly can. It is going to be a great conference! Folk will be there from near and far. Your heart will be blessed!

Announces Resignation

Dr. Bryce B. Augsburg recently announced his resignation as President of the Denver Baptist Bible College and Seminary. His plans are to return to the ministry of pastoring a church. He served faithfully the Denver schools for some thirteen years. During this time, the Lord blessed in many ways. Numerically, the school is larger. It has also gained recognition and approval by our GARBC and the Rocky Mountain Association of Regular Baptist Churches. It has an official listing in the H.E.W. Education Directory of Colleges and Universities.

Mrs. Augsburg, has faithfully worked along with her husband. She has served beyond the call of duty, carrying a heavy load of courses and filling in as a teacher when and wherever needed.

Our brother plans to fill his speaking engagements for the college through the month of August. He then hopes to be situated in a full-time pastorate by Sep-



Dr. Bryce B. Augsburg

tember of this year. His decision to resign came from the belief that the work God had called him to do at the college is now complete. He has a pastor's heart and feels the Lord is leading him to return to a pastorate.

Junior Swordbearers Conference



Just a part of the crowd of young people that attended the conference. It was great!

The Junior Swordbearers Conference was held at Cedarville College on May 12, 1979. The theme of the conference was "Reaching Higher Goals for Christ." The speaker was Dr. Paul Dixon, President of the school.

The day was geared to junior students, ages 9-12. The program was designed specifically for this group, which includes the "Preacher's Pals," a group which Dr. Dixon has used in his evangelistic meetings for years.

Over 900 students attended. They were divided up into groups, and rotated around the different games and activities which included The Master's Puppets, ventriloquism, gospel magic, games, quizzes, and music by the Swordbearers. The Swordbearers handled the scheduling of the day's activities.



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Conference
Pianist



Quentin Kenoyer



Joseph M. Stowell



J. Don Jennings



Henry Scheltema



Wilbur C. Rooke



John White



Paul Dixon



Russ Ebersole

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R & R
to date

\$10,170.76

Women's Missionary Union
Immanuel - Arcanum
Independent - North Jackson
Temple - Portsmouth

Missionaries Suffer Devastating Fire

Rev. Melvin Keeler is the Field Representative for Shepherds, Incorporated. Our brother and his wife spend the majority of their time traveling far and wide informing and inspiring our Regular Baptist Churches concerning this ministry among retarded folk. They have been a blessing to thousands.

In early April, while away serving the Lord in behalf of Shepherds, their home in Stryker, Ohio suffered a devastating fire. The building is brick, however, the inside of the house was greatly destroyed. The damage is estimated to be at least \$30,000. The loss of personal effects

which belonged not only to them but to their children, the Hyatts in Paraguay (ABWE), was great.

The news of the fire spread through the town of Stryker very rapidly. The folk at the First Baptist Church in Stryker began to respond immediately. By the time the fire was under control, the entire church family was taking steps to assist in protecting the building. Throughout the next weeks, many kindnesses were extended to the Keelers by the entire church family.

The love, compassion and grace which was extended to the Keelers and their family by this church is indeed an outstanding example of how a New Testament fundamental Baptist church should respond to the needs of their own. They are to be highly commended.

In a letter from Dr. Andrew H. Wood, Executive Director of Shepherds, he writes: "The Ohio churches need to know that the First Baptist Church of Stryker (Rev. Henry Halblaub, pastor) is a great church!"

Whereas it is true that the Keelers had their home insured, however, everything is prorated and the money they will receive nowhere meets the loss they've suffered. They stand in need of financial help and prayer. That which the Stryker church has done is what is commonly referred to as - PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY! (James 2:14 - 20)

The Keelers can be reached by sending their mail to - Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Keeler, c/o Shepherds, Inc., Union Grove, Wisconsin 53182.

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Tools For The Youth Leader

Your Youth Group's Relationships

DAVE CARDER-EMMANUEL/TOLEDO
(AN EVALUATION)

As a youth worker, have you ever been accused of not having the right emphasis or not doing the right thing? Maybe you have accused yourself! Or instead of an accusation, maybe there has just been a lot of nagging doubt and fears of inadequacy and maybe even a real lack of purpose. After all, how do you really know when you are doing a good job? In other words, what would have to happen in your youth group before you and others were convinced that a successful ministry was being accomplished? That is the question every youth worker needs to answer. There are probably as many different criteria as there are combinations of pastors, youth workers, parents, and teenagers. Let's see if it can't be simplified so that when you walk away from reading this article you'll have some basic standards with which to measure your group.

Among the many choices, I want to emphasize four relationships: teenager/God, teenager/parents, teenager/teenager, and teenager/world. In each area I'll ask specific questions for you to use in evaluating your group. Be careful of being too hasty in drawing conclusions. Perhaps it might be best if you asked someone outside the group to dig up the answers. You can always disagree with the conclusions later, but even then I'm sure that this different perspective would be helpful. If you agree with the conclusions, use them to draw new direction and purpose for your youth group. Share them with the young people and ask them to evaluate their own peers (and themselves!) If you want an honest evaluation, you'll probably have to do it in writing.

Teenager/God

What is the temperature of your youth group's relationship to God? Not only should they be reading the Bible, but are they able to apply it to their daily living situations? Is there evidence of spiritual

growth and character? Have you seen progress since this time a year ago? Do they pray regularly on an individual basis? Is any scripture memorization taking place? And, do they do all of this out of a heart motivated by love (or points)? Do they talk about Christ outside of the times that they are "supposed to", i.e., Sunday School, Training Hour, Sing-spiration, etc? Is there any evidence of your young people obeying God simply because God has told them to, rather than because they "feel like it"? Do they look forward to Christ's return?

Teenager/Parents

I'm convinced that the hardest place to live for Christ is at home! Since it is the first commandment with promise, does there appear to be a sense of genuine honor on the part of your teens toward their parents? Do they respect and look up to their parents? Do they enjoy sitting with them in the services? Is there a spirit of submission to their parents' authority? Do they talk freely of the activities they do as a family?

Teenager/Teenager

One of the Christian teenager's favorite pastime is "cutting up" other Christian teens. Here is a critical area that according to the Lord Jesus was the second part of the greatest commandment ("love thy neighbor as thyself") and the key that unlocks the opportunity to witness (John 13:34, 35). Is there a spirit of daily concern for each other among your youth group? Do they have or make opportunity to pray for each other on any kind of a regular basis? Are the kids in your youth group who are attempting to be spiritual looked up to or laughed at? Do they feel free to share prayer requests within the youth group? Do they attempt to serve and do nice things for one another? In other words, do your kids love each other and if they say they do, is it apparent?

Teenager/World

So many are so concerned (and rightfully so) that teenagers develop the practice of daily witnessing. This relationship is listed last for a purpose - if the first three are not in order, the last one will never take place in the power of the Spirit. What is your young people's concern for the lost, especially the lost teenager? Do they show an interest in

TIMELY WARNING!



The Rev. J. Emerson Russell, artist-preacher, and former art director at Cedarville College, is now available for Bible Conferences. He may be addressed at 4 Tecumseh Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

The Word Of God

A Russian dictionary defines the Bible as a "Collection of fantastic legends without any scientific support. It is full of dark hints, historical mistakes, and contradictions. It serves as a factor for gaining power and subjugating the nations."

The above is, of course, an atheistic, humanistic view. Such a definition demonstrates the spiritual and intellectual ignorance of its writer. To discover what the Bible is really like, one must examine its contents for himself.

The Psalmist tells us that the commandments of the Lord are: Psalm 19

- Powerful—"converting the soul" v. 7
- Plain—"making wise the simple" v. 7
- Pleasing—"rejoicing the heart" v. 8
- Pure—"commandment of the Lord is pure" v. 8
- Permanent—"enduring forever" v. 9
- Preventive—"in there is thy servant warned." v. 11

The Bible, then, is hardly the dangerous book which the Communists have so defined. It is rather the liberating Book of God—"able to make one wise unto salvation."

Have YOU read it today?

visitation (do you have it on the schedule?)? Do they invite friends to special evangelistic emphasis or even to Sunday School where they might hear the Word? Do their prayer requests include lost young people? Is witnessing a way of life rather than something you do on "visitation"? Does it come "natural"?

These questions dealing with relationships as opposed to content (what they know), are intended to point to standards that would be pleasing to Christ. No youth group will ever attain all of them and please don't become discouraged as you use them in your group. After all, how would most of our churches measure up? Keep foremost the distance they have come rather than how far they have got to go!

How Many Churches?

At different times, people have asked, "How many churches are there in our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches' fellowship. The answer is - 204.

We think this is great! We praise the Lord for each one of them! They come in all shapes and sizes. Some have been in existence for over one hundred years. Others are quite new and still struggling to get established. We have large churches, too. All - large and small . . . old and new . . . are busily engaged in seeking to reach sinner and saint with the Word of the Lord.

The varied ministries of these churches are many. There are the Sunday Schools, the Youth groups, the radio ministries, the house to house evangelism, the forwarding of missionary programs, and the like. Faithfully they support our GARBC approved schools, our mission agencies and our social service groups.

Praise the Lord for our OARBC! It is indeed a precious fellowship. In the words of the hymn writer . . . WHAT A FELLOWSHIP - WHAT A JOY DIVINE! Brethren, let us thank God and be found praying one for the other!

RETREAT SCHEDULE

PATMOS RETREAT September 6-8

Mrs. Mary Price Chairman
Mrs. Doris Jennings, Speaker
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Bourneville, Ohio 45617

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Mrs. Rose Hauser, Chairman
Mrs. Doris Jennings, Speaker
Mrs. Marilyn Lance, Registrar
1920 Sedro Street
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

MOHICAN FALL RETREAT Nov. 1, 2

Mrs. Flo Frey, Chairman
Miss Norma Nulph, Registrar
1521 Wilmar
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44121

MOHICAN SPRING RETREAT

March 27, 28, 1980
Mrs. Grace Jackson, Chairman

Priviledged To Minister In The Far East



Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Pickering

Dr. & Mrs. Ernest Pickering of Emmanuel Baptist in Toledo recently returned from a ministry in Hong Kong and the Philippines. In Hong Kong they were hosted by missionaries of ABWE, on which mission board Dr. Pickering serves. The various aspects of the missionary work in that crowded metropolis were viewed, and Dr. Pickering ministered in two of the churches on Sunday.

In the Philippines Dr. Pickering gave the address at the Commencement of the Doane Baptist Bible Institute in Iloilo and then ministered at conferences of churches in Malaybalay, Kabankalan and at the all-Philippine Bi-Centennial Conference in Baguio City. He and his wife also spent a few days in Manila where he spoke at the Manila Baptist Church and at the Calvary Baptist Church. They were entertained in Manila by Mr. & Mrs. Stan Holman, ABWE missionaries who are members of Emmanuel.

One of the unique aspects of the visit was the fact that much of the time the Pickering's were in places where missionaries were not located and were hosted by the Philippine people themselves, thus giving additional insight into their lives and culture.

Do Pray For These Churches

At a recent meeting of the OARBC Council of 12, it was recommended that we make known those churches within our fellowship that are presently without pastors. It was felt that in this way prayer support for these churches would be realized. This is a difficult time for any church. Let us remember to pray for them.

*Bible Baptist Church, Bedford, Ohio
Boardman Baptist Temple, Boardman, Ohio
First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ohio
Norwood Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio
Faith Baptist Church, Commercial Point, Ohio

Faith Baptist Church, Defiance, Ohio
Calvary Baptist Church, Delaware, Ohio
Pleasant Heights Baptist Church, East Liverpool, Ohio
Ambrose Baptist Church, Fayette, Ohio

First Baptist Church, Findlay, Ohio
*First Baptist Church, Hudson, Ohio
Calvary Baptist Church, Sandusky, Ohio

*Blessed Hope Baptist Church, Springfield, Ohio
Grace Baptist Church, Sunbury, Ohio
First Baptist Church, Willowick, Ohio
Galilee Baptist Church of Austintown, Youngstown, Ohio

*These churches are being served presently by an Interim Pastor.

Editor's Note: It could well be that by the time this gets to press, some of these may have already called a pastor. This is how things were (to our knowledge) as of May 28, 1979.

Now Pastoring Riley Creek Church



Rev. Harold "Gus" Guthrie

The Riley Creek Baptist Church, Bluffton, Ohio, has called Rev. Harold Guthrie to be their pastor. He began his work there on Sunday, March 4.

Previously, Brother Guthrie ("Gus" to his many friends), pastored the Rocky Fork Baptist Church, Gahanna, Ohio and prior to that served as Youth Director at the Hope Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio.

He is a graduate of SEI, Chicago, WASCO Business School of Kansas City and the Moody Bible Institute Correspondence School of Chicago, Illinois.

Pastor Guthrie and his wife, Norma, have three children, the eldest of which is married. Two are at home - Sharon, age 16 and Steve 14. These are presently attending the Cory-Rawson High School.

Surely the Lord will bring blessing and challenge through our brother's ministry there in the Bluffton area. Let us pray for him, his family, and the church.

An Exciting Choir Tour



Emmanuel Baptist High School Choir

This spring marked the fifth year that the Emmanuel Baptist High School Choir has gone on their choir tour. The tour this year included the states of Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin, with the choir performing in both Christian schools and churches. Director of the choir is Mr. Roger W. Kilian, Minister of Music at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio.

Sixty-five students from the high school were a part of this program. The students pay their own way as well as give up their spring vacation time to go on tour. This has proved to be a great opportunity for the choir to minister the gospel through music, as well as receive the blessings of meeting new people and seeing new places.

The highlight of the tour this year was a visit and concert at Shepherds, Inc., in Union Grove, Wisconsin. This was a special blessing to all of the choir members as they sang for the students and visited the facilities.

The Lord has used the ministry of choir tour to speak to many students and help them see the value of Christian education.

Dedication Service



There was a good crowd!

The newly built Lemoyne Baptist Church, Lemoyne, Ohio was dedicated "unto the Lord" at a special Sunday afternoon service, April 22, 1979.

Rev. Charles Alexander is the Missionary/Pastor of this church. He serves under Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions.

After the morning service, a dinner was served at the church. At 3:00 p.m. the DEDICATION SERVICE was held. There were 190 in attendance.

The charge to the church was given by Rev. Bruce Snyder, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio. Rev. Curt Classen offered the prayer of dedication. The main address was delivered by Rev. Austin Plew, President of the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions.

Supper was served at the church for those who could remain for the evening service. Rev. Plew was guest speaker at this time. It was a great day. The church is thrilled with that which the Lord has done!



The Plews and the Alexanders

New Life Media Announces!

The Children's Bible Hour "Story-time" series is now on audio-visual format.

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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Marcia Elmore — Women's Editor

"Banging Doors And Squeaking Hinges"

Yes, it's that time of the year, Summertime! Had it slipped your mind how much noise a door could make leaving the grip of a child? Have you ever said, "either in or out, make up your mind?"

There is a vivid quote from my childhood, see if it rings a bell with you. "How many times have I told you to shut that door easy? Now come back and shut it right!" As a small child, Mother even put an empty thread spool down low on the door, then with my hand in hers, she would walk me back to the door and show me how it was done.

Mothers, and Grandmas too, Summer can be a real test of patience.

Possibly as you are reading, you are thinking this month's article doesn't really apply to me. Wait, please continue reading. Your contact may not be with children, maybe your test of patience will come with the new babe in Christ, the younger church member, an older person, or possibly a family member.

First, let us consider the Lord's patience with us. How many times has He said to us, "I told you to shut the door easy, now come back and do it right." (Could be any area of obedience to Him) Then we've slipped on out in the back yard. Patiently, He's come to get us, taken us by the hand back home, so to speak, and showed us how to shut the door properly. He's even put spools within our reach. Small steps at a time to bring us to the "image of His Dear Son". Praise His Name! He truly is a God of patience. Rom 15:5.

Matthew records the story that Jesus told, about a king who had a servant deep in debt to him. The king was going to sell the servant, his family, and all that the servant owned to pay the debt. But the servant fell down, begging the king to have patience with him. The king was moved with compassion and forgave the servant the debt. Now in turn, the servant had a fellow servant in debt to him. He went to him actually taking him by the throat, demanding the debt be paid. The fellow servant sought patience, but the just forgiven, patience-receiving servant would not, showing harsh treatment to his fellow servant. Matthew 18:26-30.

This story relates to me the patient, forgiving spirit, that God expects His servants to have. Also I see a picture of a Compassionate Savior Who has shown patience to me, paid my debt, and is continually showing patience to me. I trust that you are able to grasp the same pictures. Let it not be said of us that we "would not" forgive, or show patience.

"But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." James 1:4.

A Joyous Occasion

The Lord prepared a beautiful day of sunshine for the ladies of Ohio to attend their Fiftieth Anniversary Meeting at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo.

Mrs. Aldene Graham, President, greeted the women and opened the morning session with prayer. Mrs. Ronnie Carder of Emmanuel led the singing throughout the day, with Mrs. Carol Kilian at the organ, and Mrs. Mary Carmony at the piano. Mrs. Kilian also shared special music, singing, "I Am Unworthy". A warm welcome was given by Mrs. Ellen Snyder, wife of Assistant Pastor at Emmanuel.

Mrs. Rene Street of Missionary Acres, Baptist Mid-Missions, presented the morning message. Her text was found in II Peter 3:4-7,13, bringing forth "The World That Was, Is, And Shall Be". She used this scripture thought as a springboard for her presentation, "The Ohio State Women's Missionary Union That Was, Is, And Shall Be".

The business session was called to order, at which time was also held the Annual Election of Officers. The slate was presented by Mrs. Linda Stahl, Nominating Committee Chairman. The officers elected are as follows:

President - Mrs. Aldene Graham
Vice-President - Mrs. Rose Hauser
Secretary - Mrs. Diana Geiger
Treasurer - Mrs. Elaine Vine

The past Presidents of the Ohio W.M.U. who were present, were introduced and honored. Those able to share the day with us were:

Mrs. Henry Krueger 1958-59
Mrs. Buelah Hauser 1960-62
Mrs. Rene Street 1970-72
Mrs. Dorothy Barclay 1972-73
Mrs. Barbara Williams 1973-77

The ladies of Emmanuel provided a lovely dining area, and prepared a delicious lunch. It was served with exceptional proficiency.

The afternoon afforded a real blessing in special music by the Emmanuel High School Choir, directed by Mr. Roger Kilian.

Also in this session, Mrs. Lois Russell, Treasurer, presented a check for the R. & R. Fund to Council of Twelve Representative, Pastor Bruce Snyder. The check was in the amount of \$2,100.00. (Total giving as of this report is \$2,705.39)

A very enlightening Missionary Symposium - "Problems & Perplexities of Missionary Service" or "Serving In Spite of Difficulties", was directed by Mrs. Marge Odor, Pastor's Wife, Newark, Ohio. The Missionaries sharing in the symposium were Miss Judy Jenkins, BMM, Appointee to Venezuela; Mrs. Louise Green, BMM, first term from Jamaica; and Mrs. Cathy Durham, ABWE, veteran missionary, formerly to the Philippines.

April 17, 1979 was certainly a joyous occasion!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

To Mrs. Judy Comers, and all the ladies and staff of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, for making the Anniversary Meeting such a JOY.

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News From Canton Area

The Canton Area Women's Missionary Fellowship met April 24, 1979 at Skyview Ranch, Millersburg, Ohio, with Millersburg Baptist Church serving as host church. A total of 84 ladies and children were present.

President Norma Brown opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Vi Wolfe led the singing, with Mrs. Lois Russell accompanying at the piano. Mrs. Dave Truitt, Pastor's wife, welcomed those present. The day was planned around the theme, "Know Them Who Labor Among You". Mrs. Ava Grosh, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, chose for the subject of devotions, "Mary, Chosen By God".

Other special music enjoyed during the day was a trio, composed of Mrs. Vi Wolfe, Mrs. Myra Gerber, and Mrs. Lois Russell. Mrs. Georgianna Oswald shared a vocal solo.

During the business session, officers were elected for the coming year. Those elected are:

President - Mrs. Carol Moosey, Whipple Ave., Canton
V. Pres. - Mrs. Shirley Conrady, Lakeview Baptist, Dundee
Secretary - Mrs. Myra Gerber, Millersburg Baptist, Millersburg
Treasurer - Mrs. Edna Muckley, Grace Baptist, Canton

Guest speakers for the day were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McDonald, Cedarville, Ohio. They are missionary appointees under A.B.W.E., and will be working in the local church planting ministry, providing churches near universities across America.

The Fall meeting will be October 23, 1979, and will be held at Lakeview Baptist Church, Dundee, Ohio.

Hebron Women Challenged

The Hebron Women's Missionary Union met at Faith Baptist Church in Amherst on April 3, 1979. About 175 ladies were challenged by the ministry of Mrs. Myrna Alexander, FBHM Missionary from Lemoine, Ohio. In the morning session, she brought out the theme of "Builders for Christ" by showing ways that ladies' missionary groups can use their hands to build for Christ through useful things they can make for their missionaries and missionary cupboards. In the afternoon session, Mrs. Alexander very vividly portrayed from Scripture the responsibility of the missionary, when building a body of believers, to ground them in the Word of God.

Several ladies from First Baptist Church of Wellington presented a skit showing the ills of Mrs. WMU. After an operation to remove these problems, Mrs. WMU was well on the way to recovery.

The treasurer reported a total of over \$840.00 was received for the 1978 project of office furniture for Hiawatha Baptist Mission office. The present year's project is for European Baptist Bible School of Theology, sponsored by EBM.

North Bethel Has Spring Rally

The month of April brought out 161 ladies and children to the North Bethel Women's Missionary Fellowship at Grace Baptist Church in Lima, Ohio.

Activities for the morning session were centered around the guest speaker, Rev. Andrew Wood, Butch, and Steve from the Shepherd's Home and School for mentally retarded children, located in Union Grove, Wisconsin.

The ladies of the North Bethel Fellowship are praising the Lord for \$1,056.94 which was sent to the Women's Mite Fund as their project for 1978. The new project being undertaken will be for Shepherds, Inc.. Helping to refurbish Butch and Steve's living room is the hope of the women.

The afternoon session speaker was Mrs. Jim Shifferly, a missionary for the "Broken Arrow Camp for the Deaf, at Mt. Blanchard. Mrs. Shifferly introduced their work with a slide presentation.

Special music was presented by the Marimor Hand Bell Choir from Marimor School in Lima, Ohio.

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need is greater than ever before. March in and take advantage of the open fields before you. Let us not forget those women of fifty years ago who laid the foundation. If He tarries, may God give us another fifty years."

Rene Street

A History Of The Women's Missionary Union Of Our OARBC Churches

As we look backward to 1929, we praise the Lord for guidance and blessing upon His outreach for missions from our Ohio Women's Missionary Union. As we look forward, we go in faith to meet the challenges that are ahead of us.

We are thankful to those who have gone before us and by faith formed a fellowship for prayer support of missions. A result of the prayer ministry is the supplying of material needs for missionaries.

This summarized history records the beginning of our Ohio Women's Missionary Union with highlights of activities and blessings through the years.

The minutes of the first meeting in 1929 are as follows:

"On October 23, 1929, the Women of the Ohio Association of Independent Baptist Churches met together at Toledo Emmanuel Baptist Church for the purpose of forming a Women's Missionary Union.

Mrs. E. H. Frye of Toledo Emmanuel was chosen to act as a temporary chairman with Mrs. Glenn E. Wilson as secretary. After prayer for His guidance, Mrs. Frye stressed the need of union of mutual benefits and our object: to do work pleasing in His sight as a missionary organization.

Rev. Robert T. Ketcham of Elyria, First Baptist Church, addressed the women, offering helpful suggestions and emphasizing what prayer has and will accomplish.

The following officers were the first executive committee:

Mrs. E.H. Frye of Toledo, President
Mrs. S.E. McFarland of Columbus, Vice-President
Mrs. G.E. Wilson, East Side, Lorain, Sec.-Treas.

Mrs. Welty of Elyria and Mrs. MacAllen of Fostoria were chosen to act with the above officers to form a committee of five.

Rev. Ketcham suggested that committees be formed in the various societies to make a canvas, endeavoring to place our state paper, "The Independent Baptist" in every home. Mrs. R. Folk requested that prayer bands be formed for our Association. Mrs. Frye asked that each president of the various unions send a description of their work, what they were doing and the number of members enrolled."

Anna L. Wilson, Secretary
(Mrs. Glen E.)

The second annual meeting was held in the First Baptist Church of Elyria. A constitution and by-laws drawn up by the executive committee in June, 1930, were presented at the second annual meeting in October. The constitution and by-laws



Some of the ladies who were a part of the very first OARBC Women's Missionary Union. Mrs. E. H. Frye, the first president, is shown on the extreme left.

were read and accepted. Mr. Ezra Imhoff of the Cleveland Hebrew Mission of Cleveland was the speaker. The offering received that day was \$13.74.

1929 - 1939

The first ten years of the organization saw many changes. The constitution was revised and re-written several times. Several men active in the father organization of the O.A.R.B.C. helped in our annual meetings. Mr. Stevick of Elyria led the singing, Rev. R. T. Ketcham helped in organizing, and Dr. H. K. Finley gave much encouragement.

At the fourth annual meeting, twelve unions were represented. Each year two or three societies were added.

The W.M.U. has supported the Ohio Independent Baptist Magazine from its beginning when in 1931 their first gift of \$10.00 was given. Our first gift of money to missions was sent to the Independent Baptist Mission of Trinidad, S. A. in the amount of \$50.00.

At the annual meeting of October, 1939, Mrs. Young was asked to 'write-up' the meetings of the W.M.U. for the magazine. It was recommended to have a mid-year meeting in the late winter or early spring. Time, date, place and program would be arranged by the executive committee.

1940 - 1949

Our first Spring Rally was held at Emmanuel Baptist, Toledo, on May 21, 1940. Eleven churches answered the roll call with over 100 ladies present. These spring rallies were held in the afternoon and evening. There were no spring rallies from 1943-46 because of World War II. At the annual meeting in 1945, each union was given a copy of the constitution. At this time the offerings were divided among our speakers. During this period the constitution was again amended so that each church could have three voting messengers.

On May 22, 1947, the Spring Rallies were resumed and were held in the afternoon and evening. The host churches served a lunch to the messengers. One of the most interesting programs was given by Miss Florence Hagen and Miss Flora Hoover of the Cleveland Hebrew Mission as they presented a dialogue to show how their work was carried on among the Jewish people in their homes.

Every meeting was blessed and inspired by the congregational singing, solos and other special numbers. Our attendance was growing. By 1949 many new churches had joined the fellowship.



1979 Officers - Mrs. Aldene Graham, President and Mrs. Rose Houser, Vice-President

1950 - 1959

By 1950 twenty-one churches were attending the Spring Rallies. A good supply of items were brought to the meetings for Camp Patmos and Baptist Bible Institute. All pastor's wives were on the platform for the first time. They sang "Send The Light."

A proposed new constitution was accepted. The offices of secretary and treasurer were to be separate. Mrs. Kenneth Smelser of Medina was to feature a page in the OIB magazine on the women's work.

A motion was made and seconded that at each monthly meeting in local churches each one would bring ten cents over and above their offering. This amount would be turned in at our annual meeting and divided equally among our missionaries present. This was the beginning of the dime banks.

After one year's trial it was decided to continue with the dime banks. The time of the Spring Rally was changed because of the time change in parts of the state. The meetings would be held on the third Tuesday of April instead of May. It was voted to do away with the roll call.

The first dime bank offering was \$300.00. Cedarville College was given \$200.00 and \$100.00 given to Camp Patmos. General Mills and Gold Medal coupons were saved for Cedarville College.

The spring rally of April, 1954, was held in Galion. The attendance was so large the meeting was moved to the First Methodist Church.

Our 25th Anniversary meeting was held at Brookside Baptist Church, Cleveland. Mrs. George Gibson was president. Our speakers were Mrs. William Fusco, candidate of Baptist Mid-Missions to Italy and Mrs. Robert Rogers, veteran missionary of Baptist Mid-Missions to Venezuela. A fellowship tea was held after the meeting commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Women's Missionary Union of Ohio. A beautiful cake was given by Hough Bakeries of Cleveland and served with punch. Thirty-two churches were present with 200 registered. The dime bank offering \$305.42. By 1956 the attendance had reached 477.

1960 - 1969

A constitutional change was recommended by the president (1962) regarding the nominating committee. "The committee is to consist of six members, representing each regional fellowship in the state. These members are to be appointed by the president at the Spring Rally. Should another regional fellowship be organized, another member should be added to this committee."

A Steering Committee was formed from ladies in the Union to establish a Hilltop House Auxiliary to aid the Board of Trustees in matters of furnishing the Home for the Aged and keeping the women of Ohio informed concerning events held for, and with, the residents of the Home. Many groups responded by decorating the rooms and conducting social gatherings there. The union voted to buy a musical instrument for Hilltop House.

During 1963 over \$3,000.00 had come in the dime bank offering. A motion was

made to send \$1,500.00 to Baptist Mid-Missions designated for the building of two dormitories, on a camp site in Brazil, and \$300.00 was to go to the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions for a folding machine. The matter was opened for discussion.

It was pointed out that according to Article III of the constitution, it would not be possible to take on these projects or any projects apart from those supported by the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches, namely: Camp Patmos, Cedarville College, Hilltop House, the O.I.B. magazine and the state missionary.

Article III reads: "The object of the Union shall be to provide a fellowship for all women's societies of our parent organization of churches and promote the projects undertaken by same."

Our union supports only the projects supported by the O.A.R.B.C. in order to provide a strong home base from which other "foreign" missionary projects can be launched. As we win and train young people, establish and build up local congregations this will make a strong foundation for these individuals and groups to in turn support other agencies and missionaries.

Our retreat program began in 1969 at Skyview Ranch. Since that time it has grown to five retreats held at our three youth camps and Mohican State Park Lodge. Many ladies have served the Lord by working on the retreat committees. In recent years 600 ladies have annually enjoyed the blessing of the spiritual rejuvenation and refreshment that comes from a time of Christian fellowship.

1970 - 1978

In the early 70's a constitutional change was made. The officers would be elected at the Spring Rally instead of the Fall meeting. Articles IV and VI sections 2 and 3.

The dime bank offerings have supplied many needs for our camps, college, magazine, and missionary. Because of a deficit in the treasury of our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches, a gift of \$500.00 was given to help meet the need of \$1300.00.

Our union gave a gift of the Debt Free Camp Project. Camp Patmos has received money for twelve dining room tables, and loud speaker system. Skyview Ranch was given a washer and dryer and a gift to build an outdoor pavilion. Scioto Hills received water heaters and a payment on a mobile home. Dime offerings helped the Moffats make a \$3,000 payment on their home. Our state missionary was assisted in his ministry through the addressograph, mimescope and a 1974 Dodge Dart. Cedarville College was given a public address system for the health center, gifts to apply to the chapel fund, and also toward a van for the Swordbearers.

Summary of Dime Bank Gifts	
1950-59	\$ 5,299.59
1960-69	23,316.95
1970-78	21,394.18

The meetings in the 1970's have been well supported. One of the most highly attended was at Immanuel Baptist in Columbus with 500 ladies present. Approximately 80 churches have been represented at the spring rallies.

There was a good response to food showers. At the spring rally held at Willowick, forty bags of groceries were given to twenty home missionaries present. The ladies generously showered a U-Haul trailer full of groceries on the Baptist Children's Home at the Spring Rally at Cuyahoga Falls.

Since our organization in 1929, there have been 111 missionary speakers from twenty-six countries and fifteen states. Twenty-six churches have hosted the annual meetings, and twenty-one the spring rallies.

The above history was summarized from the Secretary's Minutes by Mrs. Earl V. Willetts.

Calendar Clippings

Send us your Church Calendars each week. Our mailing address is simply — Editor Don Moffat, Box No. 160, Xenia, Ohio — 45385.

ACROSS THE STATE

AKRON, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF KENMORE— Only recently we were recognized as a duly constituted Baptist Church. Our pastor, is Rev. Joel K. Rush. March 25 through 30 we were led in Spring Evangelistic Services by Evangelist Norm Sharbaugh of Indianapolis, Indiana. The Lord blessed through our brother's preaching.

AKRON, MOGADORE BAPTIST CHURCH— The Lord richly blessed during our special meetings in early April. We were led in a most successful evangelistic campaign by Evangelist Jim Dunne of Santa Maria, California. We praise the Lord for the wonderful messages our brother preached. There were many professions of faith and other vital decisions, too.

ATHENS, SOUTH CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH— Rev. Harold Beckley, missionary to Africa (EBM) ministered here on Sunday, April 29th.

BEDFORD, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH— We held our Mother/Daughter banquet on May 10. On the 20th of May, our brother, Rev. Robert Dyer of Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pa. spoke at the evening service. We will be holding our Vacation Bible School June 18-22.

BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH— Our ladies held their Mother/Daughter banquet on May 18. Mrs. Ruth Hull, Administrator at the First Baptist Christian School in Elyria, Ohio was the guest speaker.

BLANCHESTER, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH— We held a special banquet for our Senior High young people. Our adults are looking forward to their Adult Retreat. It will be held August 10-11.

CANTON, PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH— At Easter time, our choir presented the cantata "ALIVE." This was composed by Mr. Joe E. Parks. Our Spring evangelistic campaign with Dr. Bill Piper as guest evangelist began on Sunday evening, April 22 and ran through Friday, April 27. We are happy to announce that we finished 4th in the national "SOW THE SEED" contest. Rev. Barrett (FBHM) ministered here on May 20.

CANTON, WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH— We held our Mother/Daughter banquet in May and the Lord blessed. Mrs. Joyce Ramsey was our guest speaker. We held a special adult fellowship on May 18. Our missionaries - Ken and Wilma Steward - were with us for this occasion.

CLEVELAND, CEDAR HILL BAPTIST CHURCH— Dr. Jack Sorg of ABWE spoke at one of our Midweek Prayer meetings. We held a reception for Rev. and Mrs. Paul A. Tidball (Cleveland Hebrew Mission). Speaker for our Women's Missionary Society Dinner was Mrs. Merle Richardson of Baptist Mid-Missions, Shalom Camp. It was a joy to have the Grand Rapids Baptist College Chorale minister to us one Sunday morning in April. Captain Al Stanley, pilot with Eastern Airlines, shared his testimony at our Men's Fellowship on April 28th.

COLUMBUS, HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH— We held a Mini-Bible Conference May 13, 14 and 15. Our guests were Jemon and Zonnie Alparaque of the Philippines. Their ministry proved a rich blessing. God has truly endowed them with beautiful voices.

COLUMBUS, IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH— Dr. Cleveland McDonald brought a special message here on Mother's Day that had to go with "The Home and the Family." He will be speaking here again on the same theme on Father's Day, June 17. Our AWANA Guards team won first place in the Olympic trials at Mansfield, Ohio on April 28.

COLUMBUS, MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH— We held a Senior High Graduation Banquet on Friday evening, May 4. Our Maranatha High School choir presented a cantata at our church-May 13.

COLUMBUS, MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH— We were led in special evangelistic meeting by Evangelist Tom Williams - May 27 through June 1. In grace, the Lord blessed. We appreciated having Missionary Joe Hollaway (BMM-New Zealand) and his wife, with us recently. We had a great day on Easter. Our choir presented the cantata - "Easter Celebration."

COSHOCOTON, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH— Our choir, under the direction of Brother Larry Fox, presented John Peterson's cantata - "It Took A Miracle." We recently were led in a "Family Conference" by Dr. Martin Clark of Cedarville College. Also, in late March, we had the Brass Choir from Cedarville here to play for us. Brother Merlyn Jones, pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, Mount Vernon, Ohio, led us in special evangelistic meetings. Hearts were blessed through the Word.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, GRAHAM ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH— We held a Graduates Banquet on June 1. Our ladies will be attending a Retreat at Appalachian Bible College June 18-20. July 13-15 we will be having Brother Peter Accardi, converted Rock Music star speaking here. Our Vacation Bible School this year has been set for August 6 through 10.

DAYTON, COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH— We viewed the film - "A Stranger in my Forest" at our Family Night service. A singing group from Dayton Christian High School - THE SPIRIT OF PRAISE - ministered to us in song in late April. Rev. Leeland Crotts (BMM-Hebrew Christian Society) demonstrated - "Christ in the Passover." This was at our Sunday School Hour. He also ministered at our Sunday morning service. This was on May 6.

DAYTON, WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH Our Adult Choir presented the cantata-"Tribute to the Trinity." We held our Missionary Conference May 9, 12 and 13. Guest missionaries were Violet Eaton, Gladys Bardouche and Dr. Gene Burrows. We have called Brother Dick Larson and his wife, Mary Kay, to become members of our staff. Dick will serve as our Youth Pastor. We feel the Lord has wonderfully provided for us in sending these folk to be a part of our work.

DUNDEE, LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH— Missionary Larry Allen spoke here in late April. We held our Mother/Daughter Banquet on May 11. Recently Professor George Mulfiner and Pastor Steve Olson, both ministered here while our pastor and his family were vacationing in Florida. We plan on holding our Vacation Bible School August 6 through 10.

ELYRIA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH— Rev. Keith Rockafellow of Hiawatha Baptist Missions spoke at our Missionary Fellowship service. The giving through our church this past year (General and Missions) was \$134,000 as compared with \$104,000 last year. On May 15 we had the Collegians Brass Quintet from Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit. Our ladies enjoyed their Mother/Daughter banquet. Dr. James T. Jeremiah will lead us in our annual Bible Conference-June 17 through 20.

FAIRBORN, GRAND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH— We appreciated the ministry of Rev. Donald Parvin in late April. Our choir presented their Spring Musical Sunday, May 13.

HINCKLEY, HINCKLEY RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH— We held our Missionary Conference May 2, 3, and 4. Those participating were Dr. Raymond Buck (BMM), Douglas and Louise Greene of Jamaica - Bob and Ruth Watterson from Ghana-Veronica Sisson from Chad. These all serve under Baptist Mid-Missions.

KENT, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH— The Cedarville College Concert Chorale ministered here Sunday morning, April 22. On the 6th of May, Dr. Quentin Kenoyer (BMM-Assam) presented a missionary challenge. Missionary Roger McNamara (BMM-Florida) was with us recently. The theme for our Mother/Daughter banquet was "Pattern For Living."

LONDON, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH— The Maranatha Christian Schools presented a cantata here. It was entitled-GREATER IS HE. One of our members - Brother Jim Young - ministered while Pastor Morris was away.

MASSILLON, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH— Rev. and Mrs. Robert Gough, appointees with FBHM, ministered to us in late March. The messages, musical talent, and the lives of these dear people proved a challenge to all.

MCDONALD, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH— Mrs. Mary Leitch from North Jackson was guest speaker at our Mother/Daughter banquet. Missionary Reevis Clark (BMM-Kentucky) ministered here on May 20. On the 27th of May Brother Harold Beckley (EBM-Mali) told of the challenge in Africa. We will be holding our Vacation Bible School June 18 through 24.

MINFORD, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH— The theme for our annual Missionary Conference was - "Doing What You Can." We appreciated having Brother Dave Arthurs and his family with us. They are working with Trans World Radio in Guam. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gough spoke here. We viewed the EBM film-"A Dream Begun."

NILES, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH— The banquet for our graduates was held May 19. We will be having our Father/Son banquet June 8. Our Vacation Bible School this year will run June 11 through 15. We anticipate a time of fun and fellowship at our Sunday School picnic June 30.

NORTH MADISON BAPTIST CHURCH— On April 4 the south Ridge Christian Academy Ensemble presented a patriotic concert. Our Mother/Daughter banquet was held May 8.

NORTH OLMSTED BAPTIST CHURCH— Speakers for our Missionary Conference-April 29 through May 2 were: C. Alexander, H. Reiner, D. Seefried, and C. V. Barnard, Mr. Pete Miller and Mr. Roger Loomis ministered while Pastor Good was engaged in a Bible Conference in Pennsylvania.

ORANGE VILLAGE, BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH— Our choir presented a cantata at Easter. It was entitled - "Because He Lives." We held our Mother/Daughter banquet May 19. Vacation Bible School this year will run June 18 through 22.

PAINESVILLE, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH— Recently Miss Barbara Visti, appointee to Australia with Baptist Mid-Missions, was commissioned by our church. It was a joy to have the Grand Rapids Baptist College Chorale with us for a concert in late March.

PATASKALA, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH— Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Weigel (FBHM) spoke at one of our Prayer Meeting services. He spoke on the theme-"Planting Churches Where the People Are." Editor and Mrs. Don Moffat held special meetings May 20-25. We had Mrs. Mildred Bryant as speaker for our Mother/Daughter banquet. Our Father/Son banquet is scheduled for June 11 with Pastor Kirby Lancaster as guest speaker. We will be having our Summer Bible School June 17 through 22.

SMITHVILLE, PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH— Our Missionary Conference proved a blessing. Guest missionaries included: Bill and Lillian Aiken, John and Penny Jackson, and Beverly

Curtis. Our Mother/Daughter banquet was held May 17. Also, Missionary Ron Wiegler ministered on May 20. God is blessing our church. We are growing both numerically and spiritually. Praise the Lord! We thank the Lord for our pastor - Rev. Steve Olsen.

SPRINGFIELD, SOUTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH— May 10 was the date of our Mother/Daughter banquet. Miss Ede Phillips (missionary) ministered on Sunday evening, May 20.

STREETSBORO, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH— It was good having Rev. Larry Secrest with us May 20. He is serving the Lord in Peru, South America. He ministered both morning and evening.

TALLMADGE, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH— The ladies of our church enjoyed their Mother/Daughter banquet. This was on May 18. A group of ten students from the Philadelphia College of the Bible provided us with an evening of sacred music on Sunday, May 22. Vacation Bible School will be held July 9 through 13.

TOLEDO, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH— Our graduation banquet was held May 6. We viewed the film - "Welcome Home." Missionary Simon Leon was with us on May 30.

TOLEDO, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH— The Alparaques from the Philippines were with us on June 3rd. Their ministry of music was a thrill to everyone. Our ladies held their Mother/Daughter banquet on May 13. Our young people (Seniors) had a great time on their trip to Niagara Falls, New York.

TOLEDO, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH— We had the joy of having our OARBC Women's State Missionary Fellowship hold their 50th anniversary meeting in our church. There was a great crowd of women. We held our Spring Bible Conference May 20 through 23.

WARREN, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH— Brother Bob Ford was with us Sunday evening, April 22. The ladies and girls of our church had a good time at their Mother/Daughter banquet May 11.

WESTLAKE, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH— Guest speaker at our Mother/Daughter banquet was Mrs. Carlita Plew. This was on May 11. Our Sunday School picnic is scheduled for June 23.

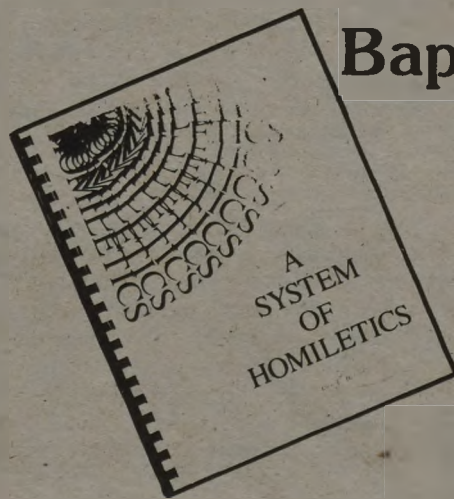
XENIA, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH— Mrs. Paul Jackson of Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville, Ohio was guest speaker for our ladies at their Mother/Daughter banquet-May 7. The ladies had a wonderful time. There was a very good attendance.

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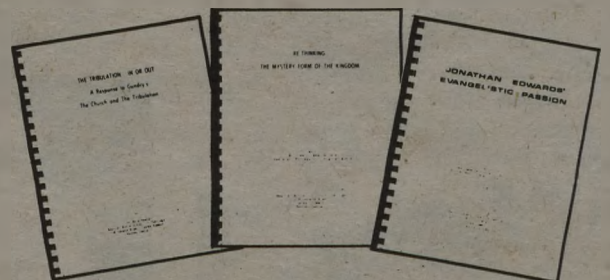
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Honors Day At Cedarville College



Dr. Lawlor receiving plaque from President Dixon

Friday, May 4, was Honors Day, and over 200 students were honored for having been named to the Dean's Honor List. Several other undergraduate awards were also presented.

During the ceremonies, President Dixon presented a special award to Dr. George Lawlor. Dr. Lawlor, who will be leaving Cedarville this year, has taught Greek at the school for 20 years. He was presented with a plaque in recognition of his years of faithful service. It was also announced that the new men's dormitory, located at the north end of the campus, would be named Lawlor Hall in his honor.

Dr. Lawlor holds a Teacher's Diploma from Ithaca College, a B.A. from Burton College, a B.D., Grace Theological Seminary, Th.M. Grace Seminary, Special Language study, Winona Lake School of Theology. He was a pastor for 15 years,

and has since taught at Allentown, Pennsylvania Bible Institute, Faith Bible Institute of Indiana, Pa., Greensburg Bible Institute in Greensburg, Pa., and Cedarville College.

Mr. Myron Youngman was named Outstanding Staff Member of the Year. Myron, a 1976 graduate of Cedarville, has headed the Student Activities office for the past three years. He will be leaving to attend Grand Rapids Seminary this fall.

The Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year Award was presented to Mr. Joseph Halsey, Associate Professor of Political Science. Mr. Halsey has been with the school for 9 years. He holds a B.A. from Morehead State University, and M.Ed. from Xavier University, and has completed all work except his dissertation for his Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati.

Island. They have the world's longest, highest, and fastest roller coaster! Saturday will feature a workshop on the theme, "Discover God's Purpose for Your Body." Speakers will include Missionary Bruce McDonald (former pro baseball player), Don Rickard, Dean of Students, and Harold Green, Campus pastor. The cost of the entire weekend is \$18.50. Check with your pastor for details.

Cedarville College News

PROFESSOR RELEASES BOOK

Dr. James McGoldrick, Professor of Social Science, has just released his first book entitled, "Luther's English Connection." The book, published by Northwestern Publishing House of Milwaukee, costs \$5.95, and is presently available in the college bookstore.

The book surveys the theological history of early English Reformation during the reign of Henry VIII. It traces the impact of Luther's thought on the English Reformers, mainly Robert Barnes and William Tyndale. It examines early Protestant theology in England on questions of God, man, authority, salvation, church, and state.

RECOGNIZED BY STUDENTS FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE

Dr. Joseph M. Stowell, National Representative of the GARBC, spoke to the college family in the chapel service on May 3. Dr. Stowell served as a pastor for many years before he took the post of National Representative, where he has served for the past 10 years. After his message, Student Senate President Don Lewis presented Dr. Stowell with a plaque in recognition for his ten years of faithful service.

RECRUITMENT WEEKEND

Cedarville College will hold a recruitment weekend, "Salute to Summer", July 5-7. The weekend will kick off Thursday evening with "The Sounds of Cedarville," a concert featuring Summer Swordbearers and members of the music faculty. Friday will be a day at Kings

Special Sundays All Of This Year

Every Sunday during 1979 is a "Special Sunday" at the Johnstown Independent Baptist Church, Johnstown, Ohio.

Dr. Marvin Clark, pastor of the church, gave us the following - March 4 was "Family Sunday" and a new high in attendance was set in S.S. and the Worship service. Rev. Mel Keeler from Shepherds was speaker for the day. March 11th was "Someday Sunday" and March 18 was "Boom Sunday". March 25 was "Grandparents Sunday" with all grandparents receiving certificates of recognition. On April 1st we honored our S.S. Teachers with a special Sunday. Mrs. Rebecca Simmons was honored with a gift for having the longest teacher service record. April 8th was "Christmas Sunday" in April with carols sung and a Christmas message. On Easter we had our Sunrise Service with Joseph Hopkins, an officer with State Highway Patrol, as special speaker. A fellowship breakfast followed. April 22nd was "G I Sunday" and on April 29th we had our 2nd annual "March to Sunday School Parade." Our Annual Business Meeting was held on April 21st a pot-luck supper preceded the meeting.

Our Wednesday evening Bible Club for children is now running about 30. In grace, the Lord is blessing. We look for continued blessing through the whole year!

Bethany Association

The Bethany Association met at the First Baptist Church, McDonald, Ohio (Rev. Thomas Brennan, Pastor) on April 30. Guest speaker for the afternoon and evening was Rev. Irvin F. Johnson of TELL MINISTRIES. The letters - TELL - stand for training evangelistic Lay Leaders. Brother Johnson has his office in New Port Richey, Florida.

Following the afternoon business meeting, Brother Johnson showed slides, after which there was a question and answer session.

An evening meal was served by several ladies from the host church. At the evening service, Rev. Johnson brought a challenging message on this unique evangelistic approach. It was most informative and helpful.

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West Moriah Meet At Galion

The West Moriah Fellowship of Independent Baptist Churches met on May 15 at the First Baptist Church of Galion, Ohio. Rev. Lloyd Early is the pastor of this church.

This meeting coincided with the Women's Spring Rally. Excellent food was served by the ladies of the church. Pastor William Duncan of the Rocky Fork Baptist Church, Gahanna, Ohio brought a devotional study. Guest speaker was Editor Don Moffat. He brought a Bible message and also presented something of his new work among our churches. This was followed by a question and answer period.

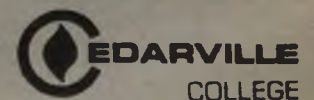
Newly elected officers for the West Moriah Fellowship are: Rev. Kenneth Romig, Pataskala - President; Rev. Frank Odor, Newark - Vice President; Rev. Merlyn Jones, Mount Vernon - Secretary/Treasurer. Rev. Kirby Lancaster, Jr., Lancaster is continuing as Youth Director.

A Special Note -

Your editor, Brother Don Moffat, is engaged these days learning, as much as possible, the ministry carried on by Brother Earl Umbaugh.

Editor Moffat want to help our OARBC churches and/or pastors in anyway he possibly can. He is available for supply preaching, special meetings, speaking at are fellowships, counseling, etc.

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ON TARGET WITH MISSIONS

Dr. Allan E. Lewis, President of **BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS**, has said, "Life is God's gift to you. What you do with that life is your gift to God."

The Lord's method of reaching the lost with the gospel is through dedicated lives. One of these choice vessels is the **ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM's** Hank Scheltema, a missionary pilot. A few years ago the Brazilian government presented Brother Scheltema with the coveted Peacemaker Medal, one of the country's highest honors. The occasion was to recognize the service rendered by the fine missionary to the Brazilian people.

Missionary aviation fills a great need on pioneer fields. The Amazon Valley in Brazil, for example, has no super-highway; the mighty river must be traversed to reach distant villages. While boats of every description will never be replaced, the airplane has come into its own in supplying rapid transportation. The primary purpose of the missionary pilot is evangelism through helping missionaries reach out into remote villages in their service for Christ. Medical emergencies also arise in isolated communities where no ambulance can rush people to a well-staffed hospital. Thus the plane becomes the vehicle to give life-saving assistance - and this has been done countless times.

In the Philippines, the medical team of Dr. Lincoln Nelson and his nurse-wife, Lenore, has made periodic scheduled visits from Malaybalay to the islands of Leyte and Palawan by missionary airplane to render surgical expertise. Many have heard the gospel and have come to know Christ as Savior because of such service.

In recognition of the importance of missionary aviation, the ABWE Board has now appointed Hank Scheltema as International Aviation Coordinator. As such, he will monitor all of ABWE's aviation programs worldwide. ABWE's missionary-pilots are well-trained, dedicated servants of God. They surely merit your prayer support.

Another dedicated servant of God is Dr. Quentin Kenoyer, a man loved by man. He is respected by his co-workers for his consistent Christian testimony and faithful service to his Lord. Dr. Kenoyer and his wife, Marleah, were accepted by **BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS** in 1949 for work in India. This fine couple labored unselfishly for twenty-six years among the Indian people. Their development of a large medical ministry at Alipur has resulted in a well known indigenous hospital work. The training of national Christians in a church-planting ministry outreach has made India a prime example of the indigenous principle which is the primary emphasis of Baptist Mid-Missions.

Dr. and Mrs. Kenoyer have now returned to the United States where he has accepted the position of Medical Director of Baptist Mid-Missions. His city office, mission headquarters office, general practice at Euclid General Hospital, surgery responsibilities at Huron Road Hospital and heavy speaking schedule keep this outstanding missionary doctor very busy. It is not unusual for Dr. Kenoyer to work in both offices and the hospital and have a meeting the same day. The Lord has given him a burden for the welfare of the mission family, and his unusual talents have made him a great blessing to many.

Baptist Mid-Missions thanks the Lord for this servant who manifests love and concern for his co-workers. Last month he led a team to Bangladesh for a short visit to prepare the way for the establishing of new work there.

Yes, it is not uncommon to see the tall distinguished gentleman rush into the office from the airport with his suitcase in one hand his medical bag in the other. Dr. Quentin Kenoyer is on call for the Lord.

The **FELLOWSHIP OF BAPTISTS FOR HOME MISSIONS** has often been asked how home mission works develop and how long it takes for a work to be established and become self supporting. In answer to this, a report from one of its missionaries serving in Florida gives the following interesting data. A missionary began working on the field near Lakeland in 1974. By April of the following year, the group was organized as a church with 27 charter members. The next month they had a recognition council and service with area churches. In 1976 they signed a group agreement with the mission board and soon thereafter undertook the construction of a permanent church building. In April of 1978 they had a dedication service of their new church and in January, 1979, graduated from mission status with F.B.H.M. to self support with 101 members. Thus, within five years this group became another of the more than 250 such churches the Lord has raised up through F.B.H.M. This illustrates the average time required and the normal pattern of church planting here in America.

Your writer praises the Lord for the good relationship which exists among the Regular-Baptist-approved mission agencies. Each one represents a part of a great team which God has brought together to carry the gospel throughout the world. The Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, Baptist Mid-Missions, Evangelical Baptist Missions, The Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions and Hiawatha Baptist Missions present a united force of dedicated personnel to help fulfill the Great Commission. As Dr. Lewis said, "Life is God's gift to you. What you do with that life is your gift to God."

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Where does this interesting story find its beginning? Stan and Ty both attended Cedarville College and graduated together in the class of 1964. Since then they have individually accumulated years of experience in areas such as industrial sales and engineering, public relations, graphic arts, direct mail and fund raising, data service, commercial photography, and A-V communications. They both worked in the area of development at Cedarville College for several years.

In 1976, Stan and Ty, along with two other Cedarville grads, joined together in a company that specialized in fund raising photography for churches and schools. This was the original New Life Media. Then in late 1977 they bought out their partners and reorganized the business to specialize in audio-visual and graphic arts communications. Stan explains, "Our first love was A-V communications and we were excited about the potential of this business within the Christian framework. It allowed us the freedom to use all of our creative abilities to serve the Lord in this exciting ministry."

When Ty and Stan first shared their burden with some close Christian friends, they were told, "You're crazy! You'll never be successful in the Christian market!" However, their deep faith in the Lord led them to pursue the vision they both shared. They believed the Lord would carry them through the initial rough adjustment as they endeavored to serve Him in this unique way.

He hasn't let them down. There have been weeks of depending on Him from day to day. But working at New Life Media is an exciting experience of seeing the Lord bless bountifully. The business is growing by leaps and bounds and at present Stan and Ty find themselves consumed with production opportunities.

Much of the growth at New Life can be traced to word-of-mouth advertising. Perhaps someone sees a program and wants one like it for their own organization. Many have been impressed with the results that A-V is getting. For example, many Christian schools across the country have invested in **BATTLEFRONT**, which speaks out for the cause of Christian education. It has been used frequently to acquaint prospective parents, students, and teachers with the necessity for the Christian school. But its uses don't stop there. One Baptist school used **BATTLEFRONT** in their presentation to a local

foundation. The program changed the foundation's attitude from one of indifference to interest. The men promised a grant for \$5000 and pledged that amount for each year in the future.

The real asset of audio-visual communications is that it allows the administrator, pastor or key person to duplicate himself. Without actually being out in the field, he can be sure that his message is getting out, every time, just as he wants it told. This principle has been especially effective in the area of capital campaign fund raising. Custom programs have been produced for Christian day schools and colleges to raise dollars for their expansion needs.

But New Life also creates programs that anyone can put to effective use. These include evangelism, Christian education, estate planning, financial management, and character building programs.

Both Stan and Ty are personally involved in every aspect of the ten to twelve week production. The Lord has blessed them with talents that complement each other in a way that greatly enhances the ministry of New Life. Stan has abilities in the engineering and technical areas, and Ty functions as the company "spokesman" in sales and marketing. Both men put to use their creative abilities in the photography that is necessary for each production.

At present, New Life Media is located in Cedarville, Ohio. All members of the staff are born again and love the Lord. Represented within the logo of New Life are the Greek letters, Alpha and Omega. The basis for this graphic message is Rev. 1:8 where God is established as the center of all things. This is the principle upon which all business is conducted.

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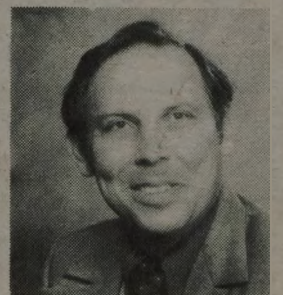
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Smoke Signals From The Reservation

STEED-MCKEEVER MEMORIAL CHAPEL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Ground has recently been broken in order to begin construction of the new Steed-McKeever Chapel at the Reservation. The "Footers" and basic concrete work will be completed soon. Lumber for the structure is being supplied by cutting timber which is already on Reservation property. It is hoped that the new chapel will be "under roof" by the Fall. Presently, \$8,000 is still needed to completely finish this important project. Pray with us concerning this need. Several donations have been made toward seeing the chapel and its outfitting completed. They include: chairs from the Maranatha Women's Fellowship and the West Liberty Wednesday Night Bible Clubs; windows from Mr. Dale Penquite; drawing of the blueprints by Mr. Doug Terrell, and excavation work by Mr. Fhurman Rawlins. Pray that God will allow this building to become a reality for His glory!



VOLUNTEER LABOR NEEDED

During this time of year there is always a tremendous amount of work which needs to be done at the Reservation to prepare it for the Summer camping season. The work load is especially heavy this year with the construction of the new chapel under way. Perhaps you would be willing to donate a day or two of your time to assist in getting this work done. If so, contact Gary Storm at the Reservation. He's sure to have a job for you!

FAMILY DAY - JUNE 16

Family Day at the Reservation will be June 16. Don't miss this opportunity to get the family together for this great day of recreation and fellowship at the Reservation. The guest speaker for the day will be Mr. Bruce McDonald, A.B.W.E. Missionary, working in Campus Ministries and church planting. Brother McDonald's message will bless and challenge the entire family.

The day will begin at 10:00 A.M. with various recreational activities. At 12:30

a delicious lunch will be served at no cost to those attending. At 1:10, a camp tour will be provided followed by a special service with Brother McDonald speaking at 2:00 P.M. The day's events will conclude at 4:00 P.M. Make plans now to come!



MEN'S RETREAT A SUCCESS:

On April 27 and 28, the second annual Scioto Hills Men's Retreat was held with over 50 men in attendance. Those attending this delightful retreat participated in several activities including a skeet shooting contest, fishing derby, mail driving contest, crossbuck saw contest, horseshoe throwing and much more. In addition to these activities, the men enjoyed superb meals prepared by Mrs. Nancy Storm and Mrs. Dianne Gardner. The spiritual food was supplied by Dr. Martin Clark, Director of Counseling at Cedarville College, as he spoke from the Book of Titus con-

cerning "Christian Service: The Mentality, the Mandate, and the Motivation." Other highlights of the retreat included a 1:30 A.M. game of volleyball, basketball at 2:30 A.M., and an early morning "slide for your life" plunge into the lake by Chief Storm Cloud (which earned an extra \$100 for the chapel fund)! Mr. Dale West was honored as the "Warrior of the Weekend." The Memorial Baptist Church of Verona, Wisconsin was awarded the travel trophy. Make plans now to be in attendance at next year's Men's Retreat!

1979 CAMPING SEASON BEGINS JUNE 18

Seven great weeks of camping begin on June 18 at the Reservation. Presently, all weeks are still open although registrations are up 35% over last year at this time! Be sure to get your registration in soon, to reserve your place. The registration fee is \$10.00 with \$35.00 due upon arrival at the Reservation. The camp schedule is as follows:

Junior - June 18-23
Junior Hi - June 25-30
Family Camp - July 2-7
Senior Hi - July 9-14

Canton Area Fellowship

The pastors of the Canton Area Pastors Fellowship met on March 6 in the Calvary Baptist Church, Massillon, Ohio. Rev. Robert E. Marsh is the pastor of this church.

Guest speaker was Evangelist Leland Conner. He brought a message entitled - "The Cost of Power with God". This was taken from Genesis, chapter 32. His message was presented as a personal witness and blessed hearts.

In addition, the pastors had the joy of fellowshiping with Dr. Hugh Hall (Cedarville, Ohio) who at that time was holding special meetings at the Millersburg Baptist Church. Pastor John Moosey of the Whipple Avenue Baptist Church in Canton, Ohio continued with his paper on - "Ministerial Ethics".

Xenia Area Special Meeting

On May 22nd, the Xenia Area Pastors Fellowship met at the "APPLE TREE" which is a lovely restaurant located just outside of Xenia. This was a very special occasion for both the pastors and their wives.

Following the evening meal there was special entertainment and a time of fellowship in the Word.

This special gathering concluded the monthly meetings of the Xenia Area Pastors Fellowship until the Fall Pastors Conference to be held at Cedarville College - September 10 through 13. At that time, they will gather to re-organize and determine their program for the coming year.

Junior Hi - July 16-21
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In the fall of 1947, Dr. Paul Jackson visited our home church and was a guest in our home. We discussed the possibility of my returning to school. It was after that the Lord spoke definitely to our hearts and we yielded our lives to Him for the ministry. We sold our home and department store business and went off to school.

As I reflect on my years of training at BBS, I count it a blessed privilege to have sat under such men and women as Dr. Paul Jackson, Dr. Meade Armstrong, Dr. Walker Barn-dollar, Miss Mabel Thompson, Miss Hazel Vibbard and Miss Elizabeth Fletcher. These, along with others at the school, had a great influence on my life.

I shall be forever grateful for the good, sound Bible-based training I received at BBS. Many of those who were on the faculty during my days of preparation are either with the Lord or retired. I thank God for their faithfulness in "Holding Forth the Faithful Word." The position of my beloved alma mater has not



Austin D. Plew

changed after these many years. It is good to know that it has followed its original purpose to train men and women for the ministry of the Gospel.

It is a privilege for me to recommend Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania. We can, without reservation, trust our young people to the dedicated staff of this fine school. May God bless you as you have opportunity to speak with young adults regarding further training.

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Natalie Ensley

One of the most decisive factors in my life has been that of going to a Christian School for the past three years. It's been a very special experience learning to glorify God academically, physically and spiritually. The things gleamed in these years will never be forgotten for I believe the Lord uses such a school as a training ground to aid in the events of the future.

The Bible has played an essential aid in my life and I'm thankful for it. My life verse is Isaiah 12:2 - "Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation."

If God sincerely is our salvation, no matter how dark life's path may seem, we will trust and follow His guiding light. Knowing that in Him we have strength, we will not be afraid, but will sing praise unto His name for it's by His grace alone we are alive to live and serve Him.

In months past our youth group has ministered in several nursing homes by singing, giving testimonies and preaching the Word. Many elderly hearts have been blessed as well as our own. The fellowship of a youth group is in itself important and when mixed with the joy of sharing and giving of time and talents it becomes more vital for it makes us more Christ. Future plans: I will attend Baptist Bible College in the fall of 79.

"A DESIRE TO SERVE THE LORD"

As a junior in high school, Dave Smith carries the respect of the teens in his youth group at Calvary Baptist Church in Findlay. In a day when it is hard to earn respect, Dave, through his life, earns it of every teen he comes in contact with. Many things have contributed to Dave's spiritual growth and he, in turn, has contributed much to the work to the work of the Lord. Not only is Dave active in public ministries at Calvary, but he will even do the behind-the-scenes jobs such as set up PA equipment and tear it down every time the Calvary Kids teen ensemble travels.

Athletics play an important part in Dave's life and he is very active on the teen basketball team at church. A few



Dave Smith

years ago he had a major decision over whether to play soccer or football in the fall. He took his stopwatch and timed an entire professional football game when the players were involved in action. His conclusion was that a football player receives about 10 minutes of action per game while a soccer player will be continuously involved in action for over 60 minutes. On that basis he chose to play soccer. The Findlay High soccer team has consistently been one of the best in the State of Ohio, and Dave was the leading scorer in 1977 and the leader in assists in 1978. He will make a real contribution to a good team in 1979.

Dave's desire is to serve the Lord in any way that he can in the future. He has a tremendously strong character for a high school student and is a young man whom God can use.

"HIS WORD IN MY HEART"

Karen is 17, has one older brother and two older sisters and is a Senior at Maranatha Christian High School. She lives with her parents in Hilliard, Ohio.

Her home church is Maranatha Baptist Church in Columbus, William Brock is Pastor. Karen was saved at age 5 while at home and dedicated her life to Christ at Skyview Ranch when she was 8. Since then she has been active in most of the activities at the church and is serving the Lord by being an Awana Leader and Spark worker.

"The Awana program has been a help in my life because it got me started in hiding God's Word in my heart. The more verses I learned the more changes came about.

My favorite verses are Is. 26:4 and Heb. 13:6. Because they tell me that I need not ever to worry because God is all powerful. Ever since I was about twelve I have been praying for the Lord's direction in what to do with my life, and He has helped me decide.

I would like to study child Psychology because I love working with children and serving in Awana has helped me in this decision, because as a leader I was able to help some of the kids and this really means a lot to me.



Karen Sue Eddy



News
From

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Free Our Land Report

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Faith Baptist Bible College News

SUMMER BIBLE CONFERENCE

FBBC personnel have planned an exciting week of Family Camp at the Iowa Regular Baptist Camp in Ventura, IA, from July 7-14 for all friends of FBBC.

Mr. Gary Sammons, Chairman of the World Missions Dept., is in charge of the Missions Motivation. Dr. George Houghton, Professor in History and Bible, is heading the adult Bible study. Mr. Don Anderson, Chairman of the Department of Local Church Educational Ministries, is directing the children and youth departments with the aid of many assistants. Nursery facilities are available for children under two years of age, and classes are provided for three-year olds through high schoolers.

President David Nettleton is the evening speaker with a series on "Paul in Europe." Guest musicians for the week are the Messengers of Praise, a mixed quartet of FBBC students.

Write to the Iowa Regular Baptist Camp, Box 80, Ventura, IA 50482 for registration information.

APPLICATIONS BEING RECEIVED EVERY DAY

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4th OF JULY GATHERING

Again this year on the 4th of July Skyview Ranch is opening its doors to the churches of the OARBC. Bring your own picnic and enjoy the day's activities which will include special messages from Dr. Mark Jackson of Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pa. and missionary James Missildine of Detroit, Michigan. The musical Collegians of Baptist Bible College will also be included in the day.

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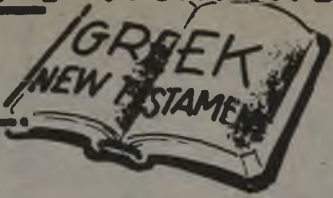
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GLIMPSES of TRUTH from the by DR. GEORGE L. LAWLOR



A Word About Christian Liberty

A great deal is being said and written about "liberty" in our day. Liberty of one kind or another is the subject of discussion and debate, contest and controversy, propaganda and protest. The matter of Christian liberty has been brought into the arena and is also the subject of debate and disputation among Christians. There are sharp differences of opinion as to the principle of Christian liberty and its extent. The Holy Spirit has given a clear and timely word as to Christian liberty in two significant passages: 1 Cor. 6:12, and 10:23.

In both of these Scriptures Paul begins with the same statement: "All things are lawful for me, for all things are not expedient . . ." Here the Holy Spirit has set forth a most important principle of liberty, a rule of life. Many of the Corinthian believers had been using this principle as "all things are permitted to me," and making it a shield for all sorts of questionable and wrong actions. They did not attempt to understand its spiritual import, but made it cover doubtful and sinful acts, and thus misused it. Many Christians today have the same conception of this principle, and attempt to force into it the sense that everything is lawful for the Christian if he (she) exercises care in what he chooses to do. But this matter is so important that the Holy Spirit has moved Paul to clear up and eliminate all possibility for misunderstanding and abuse. Not only did the Corinthians need to be set right in this matter, but in the same manner many believers in our day must also be set right in this New Testament principle of liberty.

First of all, it must be understood that the "all things" (*panta*) does not include in its scope things that are wrong. The expression cannot be taken in the absolute sense because that would corrupt and destroy the principle and make it pernicious. Anything that God forbids is never allowable. What God commands shall not be done must not be set aside. Wrong is wrong, evil is evil, and outside the domain of liberty. Conversely there are things which believers might do - or desire to do - which do not contravene any of God's laws or commandments, or instructions, but which would not be fitting, or expedient, for believers to do. Those things which are not specifically mentioned in the Scriptures in so many words, or are not either definitely commanded or forbidden by God, are either covered by general principles of Scripture, or are left to believers' own judgment and thus belong to the realm of Christian liberty. But such matters are not left open to private interpretation and must be explained in the light of the great Scriptural propositions which govern the Christian life and Christian service overall. Paul unhesitatingly counteracts the idea that "all things" means unrestricted liberty by setting forth three definite limitations to its application.

1. All things are not expedient. . .

The words "are not expedient" in both 6:12 and 10:23 are from the Greek verb *sumphero*, which literally means "bring together", as in Acts 19:19, "brought their books together." It comes to mean: "bring together in order to help, contribute in order to help, and to bring benefit." Paul said to the leaders of the Ephesian Church, "I kept nothing back that was profitable (*sumpheron*) to you." A papyrus document (A.D. 99) has the verb in a letter from a man to his friend: "It is for advantage (*sumpherei*) that it should be done." Yes, these "all things" are lawful for us but not all of

them bring benefit to us. All use of our Christian liberty must be profitable and beneficial to us. All things do not further and aid us, as Lenski remarks: "even in our earthly life, to say nothing about our spiritual life and our Christian profession." Moreover, the range of benefit and blessing includes not only ourselves but others also - all others who will be affected somehow by what I do or abstain from doing. We have utterly no right to do something which we may consider harmless or innocent when it is in some way detrimental to others. And in addition, everything - "all things" - must be regulated not only from the moral and ethical point of view, but first and foremost by the standard of what is the pleasure and purpose of God. The Scriptures are clear as to what things we may use, partake, and endorse. Phil. 1:9-10 instructs us that our love in the faith must abound in the right kind of knowledge and the ability to discern good from bad, true from false, right from wrong - in order that we may "approve (only those) things that are excellent."

In all the practical relations and circumstances of life the distinction between what is lawful and what is expedient comes to view continually, in every realm of living. We, as Christians, have constantly to say, "It is lawful for me to do it, but I will not." I have an absolute right to do this thing, but for the sake of others I must not do it. The expedient is not self-serving, and it is not time-serving. We cannot dwell upon our own personal interests ceaselessly, but must instead look to (1) the fitness and seemliness of things, and (2) the well-being of others. By reason of our sensitiveness to what is in harmony with our Christian confession, and our consideration of the weaknesses of others, we must be most careful lest we cast a stumbling-block in the way of others. We are called unto liberty, but we dare not use that liberty for an occasion to the flesh.

2. None of the "all-things" must be allowed to dominate us. . .

1 Cor. 6:12 states (2nd part): "All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any." The verb in this clause (*exousiastho*) is related to the verb used in the first clause (*exesti*, "lawful"). Both come from the same root (*ex*). The statement may thus be rendered: "All things are lawful for me, but I will not be dominated by anything."

Exousia is power, authority, domination. Of all the things that are lawful for us, in using them we must not allow ourselves to be dominated by even as much as one of them. We use our liberty wrongly if in using it we lose our ability to exercise self-control. If anything, even though it be lawful, occupies our time and energy unduly, we are in bondage to it. We might ourselves suffer harm or do harm to others - that is bad indeed. But to fall under the domination of some "thing" to become a slave of it is deplorable, and may even lead others into the same domination. When believers plead their Christian liberty in order to justify some action of theirs, they invariably insist that they remain the master over it. This is dangerous to the Word, and fear of the Lord can we prevent what may be legitimate from gaining dominion over us, whether it be in business, pleasure, recreation, natural knowledge or dress, or any such thing. Music, for example, is a legitimate, most inspiring and relaxing enjoyment, but we must not become its slave.

Believers therefore, before availing themselves of their Christian liberty, must ask themselves: "What will the effect of this be upon myself?" Will it result in my being more pleasing to God, more useful, more fruitful, more faithful? Or shall I be made less spiritual, less useful, less pleasing to the Lord? And what will be the effect upon those around me? How will they react to this? No believer lives to himself. All of those who know the Lord have a certain influence upon others. Things innocent for us may not by any means be innocent for them. By personal example we may lead someone else to error while we ourselves escape it. The old familiar question, "Is it wrong to do this, or to go here or there?" is often misleading and totally irrelevant. If the answer is "No," then the fallacious reasoning follows: "Then if it is not wrong, I may indulge in it without sin." This is unsound logic. The thing apparently right for me may be unutterably wrong for another. What we may do lawfully, and what we ought to do and what is best for us to do are two very different things. And we must also ask ourselves: "What will be the effect of this act upon my liberty?" Undue indulgence of liberty may result in slavery, and that is wrong. It is of the greatest importance to the moral and spiritual health and wholesomeness of believers that we should not allow ourselves to be brought under the domination of any appetite or desire, however innocent.

3. All things do not edify. . .

The word rendered "edify" is the verb *oikodomei*, and means: "build up." As applied to believers in this passage it denotes a building up and growth in the Christian life, increase and improvement in godliness and the spiritual virtues and moral excellencies that belong to Christian character and conduct. It is foolish indeed to insist on doing things just because they are lawful, when these things bring no benefit and when they do not build up and advance the Christian life. There is no doubt that it is absolutely requisite for believers to pursue those things that will build up their Christian character and life. Does what I am about to do improve my Christian confession?

Will my contemplated action really contribute to my spiritual growth? Will it benefit my daily living? Will it strengthen my faith? Is it something I can do or endorse before the Lord? Is there any possibility that I shall regret the act in the future? What will it do for my whole Christian testimony? Is there any sense in which my act will give others any reason for laying upon me an accusation of error or wrong-doing?

And the context in which the verb "build up" (*oikodomei*) appears relates to others beside ourselves. Hence these identical questions must be asked concerning the building up of others in the faith, as well. Does the thing in which I aim at participating edify them? Will my actions tend to the edification of others about me for whom Christ died? Will their spiritual life be helped or hindered? And beyond this, will it honor the Lord of glory?



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PARENTS DAY '79

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COMMENCEMENT

At 7:30 p.m. approximately 160 graduates of the College & Seminary division received their degrees & diplomas. Dr. Warren Faber, Vice President & Acting Dean of the Seminary, brought the Commencement address. By unanimous choice of the Executive Board, the school conferred honorary degree on Rev. Joseph Bower, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lapeer, Chairman of Baptist Mid-Missions General Council, and member of the Council of Eighteen of the GARBC.

THE PROPHETS OF ISRAEL

Written during the last year of his life, Dr. Leon Wood's latest publication has now been released - THE PROPHETS OF ISRAEL. The Christian world, especially those who appreciate the riches of the prophets, will ever be grateful to God for sparing His servant so that he might finish this work.

CONFERENCE JUNE 16-22

Grand Rapids Baptist College & Seminary will again be sponsoring a week Conference at the Gull Lake Conference Grounds in Hickory Corners, Michigan. Speakers for the week include Drs. John Balyo and Victor Matthews of the Seminary and Dr. Quentin Kenoyer, medical missionary of Assam, India. Four mini-courses will also be offered on the following topics: "Lessons from Peter," "The Biblical Meaning & Importance of Truth," "Lessons from the Book of Revelation," and "Five Common Threats to the Christian Life." Mr. Steve Boalt will direct the music. Contact Mr. Howard Pierucki, Gull Lake Bible Conference, Box 1, Hickory Corners, MI 49060 for more information.

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At the call of the Norton Baptist Church, Norton, Ohio, Pastors and messengers from six churches in the Akron area met - April 27, 1979 - to consider the propriety of setting apart to the work of the gospel ministry our brother, Donald Ballard.

Brother Ballard serves the Norton Baptist Church as Youth Minister and Assistant to the Pastor.

The following churches were represented by pastor and/or messengers:

Whipple Avenue Baptist Church, Canton, Ohio

Brown Street Baptist Church, Akron, Ohio

Calvary Baptist Church, Massillon, Ohio

Faith Baptist Church, Streetsboro, Ohio

Valley View Community Church, Clinton, Ohio

Norton Baptist Church, Norton, Ohio

Rev. William Moser, Faith Baptist Church, Streetsboro, was elected moderator; Rev. Dean Henry, of the Brown Street Baptist Church, Akron, was elected secretary.

Following a very satisfactory statement by Brother Ballard concerning his salvation and call to the gospel ministry, he then gave a statement of his beliefs concerning the following doctrines: Scripture, Creation, God, Christ, Holy Spirit, Church, Last Things, Angels and Satan, Salvation and Sin.

After a thorough examination, the assembled council voted unanimously to recommend to the Norton Baptist Church that they proceed with the ordination of Brother Donald Ballard.

The Ordination Service was set for April 29, 1979 at 7:30 p.m.

... respectfully submitted
Rev. Dean Henry,
Secretary of the Council

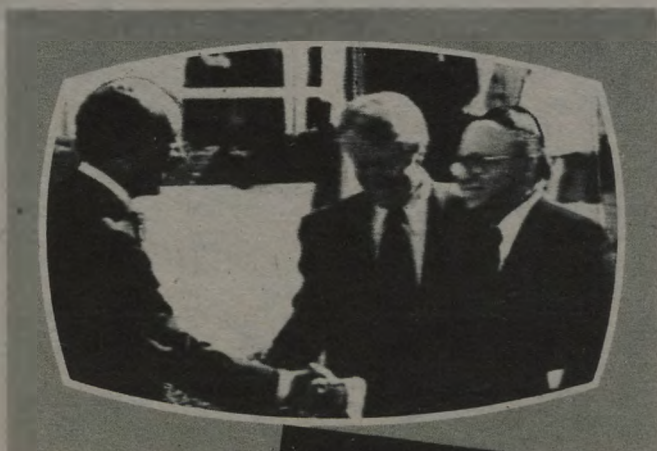


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Written by David C. Egner, alumnus of Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary and long-time former instructor in the college, this new publication is filled with interesting details and fascinating reading. Mr. Egner is editor of *RBC Discovery Digest* magazine, published by Radio Bible Class.

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